RESPONSE

In the September 8, 2005, Office Action the Examiner restricted the claims in this application to one of four groups. Applicants hereby select the claims of Group 1, claims 1-18 and 36-39, and new claims 40-44 which depend directly or indirectly from claim 1. Applicants have by this amendment cancelled claims 24-25. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these cancelled claims in a divisional application. Applicants have also amended claim 22 to depend from claim 19 instead of claim 29, to correct a typographical error and not for reasons of patentability.

With respect to claims 19-23, Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction. With the addition of claims 40-44, Applicants submit that claims 19-23 meet the requirements of MPEP §803 in which "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." Applicants submit that the search and examination of claims 19-23 can be made without any serious burden beyond the search and examination of claims 1-18 and 40-44.

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